



CMS PTSO General Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022 | 5:30 PM | Via Zoom

Last meeting minutes approved by my Mariah Staats and seconded by Michelle Klein. Principal Pagano discussed the various social media hurdles that our communities face with this generation and emphasized that administration and staff take everything that arises (i.e. the Tic Toc threat from last month) very seriously in order to keep CMS students and staff safe. With the COVID 19 restrictions lifting, CMS has hosted assemblies for the last two weeks. Even though they are currently grade specific, it is awesome for a sense of normalcy to resume.

CMS is finishing up with 8th grade high school forecasting. It is important to note that the ACR process is different this year but it has been great working with the different high schools getting the kids ready for their next step. Track and Field is coming up. Principal Pagano wanted to encourage all kids to take advantage and get involved. He emphasized that there is a club/activity for everyone and that after COVID, it is more important than ever for kids to get active and stay connected.

Clean Community/Cascade Cares Community has been pushing for everyone to pick up after themselves. Emphasis on being respectful of others by helping to keep things up . . . this is being pushed at school. Themes revolving this initiative include respecting the services provided by custodial, maintenance, kitchen and other support staff.

After Spring Break, in-person conferences will be held. This will be the first time in the building for many families. This is definitely a sign that we are moving towards normalcy. Staffing for next year looks great, CMS student numbers look status quo for next year.

Jake Slodki, acting Vice-Principal, until June's end, discussed how to positively support kids. Discussed the amazing transformation in growth and maturity from 6th to 8th grades. Discussed different forms of communication used to connect with our kids, emphasizing framing questions that are more open ended instead of ones that promote one word answers. Discussed the vast vaping epidemic faced by our kids on a daily basis. Explored how to keep kids safe and the campus vape-free. It is important for parents to look for signs that indicate kids may be experimenting or using (i.e. appetite changes and also changes in

skin color). It is important that families and CMS staff work as community partners. If you suspect kids are using, check backpacks and talk with your kids. CMS wants kids and school to be safe, encourages lines of communication stay open between students, adults and parents. There will be a District wide communication coming out after Spring Break regarding this topic. In the meantime, every school iPad comes with the 1st Steps Reporting App. This is an anonymous forum where kids can report unsafe behavior without fear of repercussions. CMS emphasizes the importance of 'know something, say something'.

Colleen Goldblatt provided a budget review. Emphasized we are coming in under budget this year. We have money allocated for Staff Appreciation but other than that, the demand has been light on grant requests. Staff is encouraged to hit up the PTSO if there is a need in their class or for school.

Mariah Staats is heading Staff Appreciation week. As of now the PTSO plans on going through the staff lounge on Sunday. We hope to decorate it and fill the fridge with all kinds of drinks and snacks for Monday. Tuesday we will provide lunch, Wednesday will comprise of a coffee cart. Thursday is smoothie day. PTSO plans on providing staff with a personalized Yeti cup on Friday. Initially we thought we would have these personally engraved by Mr. Bilan but this is not possible, the job is being outsourced. Also, hoping to have a random raffle during the week which all staff will be eligible to enter. If anyone is interested in helping with this event, PTSO encourages you to add your name into the mix. All parents will also receive the invitation for involvement via the next Student Newsletter.

With C19 restrictions lifting, we will have an 8th grade celebration.

One more CMS apparel purchasing opportunity is coming up from April 4-15. You can access this through Cascade PTSO.com.

Quarterly date for the next PTSO general meeting is May 19 at 5:30 pm. We will discuss End Of Year Celebrations & Wrap Up this school year.